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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Application Number 09/719, 370 was filed on 12/11/2000. Claims 12-23 are subject to examination.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 12-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. (hereinafter Humpleman)(US 6, 288, 716).

#### **Referring to claim 12,**

A method of functionally linking plural primary equipment units and a manager equipment unit likely to communicate with all the primary equipment units, comprising:  
a preliminary step of storing presentations of equipment units in memory in the respective units or in the manager equipment unit, the presentation of each equipment unit containing at least one link to a function of the equipment unit; recovering or selecting in said manager equipment unit the presentation of a given primary equipment unit, and composing a home page with the presentation of said manager equipment unit, the presentations of the other primary equipment units, already linked and the presentation of said given primary equipment unit, thereby linking said given primary

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equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said other primary equipment units already linked.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (Col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-17, col.4, lines 25-41, col.6, lines 61-67, col.7, lines 1-67, col.10, lines 59-67, col.11, lines 1-67 and col.12, lines 1-13, col. 13, lines 15-67 and col.14, lines 1-25).

**Referring to claim 13,**

A method according to claim 12, including a step of downloading the home page from said manager equipment unit into at least one of said equipment units to form a home page for all the equipment units in order that said at least one equipment unit can carry out the functions of the other equipment units.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col.2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-17, col. 13, lines 15-67 and col.14, lines 1-25).

**Referring to claim 14,**

A method according to claim 12, further including displaying each presentation in several display modes, and displaying said home page in each equipment unit in at least one of the display modes used in said each equipment unit.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col.13, lines 23-67, col. 14, lines 1-12, Figs. 6 and 7, , Fig.8, Fig. 10).

**Referring to claim 15,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein the presentation of one of said equipment of one of said equipment unit in said home page includes a departure anchor of a

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hyperlink toward a page of functions read in said one equipment unit and containing links to functions of said one equipment unit.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (Fig. 10, Fig. 11, col. 13, lines 15-67 and col. 14, lines 1-25).

**Referring to claim 16,**

A method according to claim 12, including, at the time of a first connection of one of said primary equipment units to said manager equipment units to said manager equipment unit, dynamic address allocation to said one primary equipment unit by said manger equipment unit and transmission of the address by said manager equipment unit to said primary equipment units with said home page.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col.10, lines 60-67, col.11, lines 1-59).

**Referring to claim 17,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said step of composing a home page is performed at least partly outside said manager equipment unit in secondary means connected to said manager equipment unit via a telephone network or local network.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (Fig. 14, col. 21, lines 1-63).

**Referring to claim 18,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said step of composing a home page comprises distributing equipment unit presentations into daughter pages and forming a mother page with hyperlinks to the daughter pages.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col. 13, lines 15-67, col.14, lines 1-25).

**Referring to claim 19,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said step of composing includes composing home pages by the manager equipment unit, loading said composed home pages into primary equipment units, each of said home pages including the presentation of the respective primary equipment unit and presentations of applications in said manager equipment unit dedicated to the respective primary equipment unit.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col.11, lines 22-59).

**Referring to claim 20,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said step of composing includes composing a home page only with the presentations of said other primary equipment units already linked and the presentation of said given primary equipment unit, and downloading the homepage from said manager equipment unit into all said primary equipment units as the home page for all said primary equipment units.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col. 6, lines 61-67 and col. 7, lines 1-25, col.11, lines 22-59, col. 10, lines 51-58, col. 19, lines 3-9).

**Referring to claim 21,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of the following wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a terminal adapted to be connected to a telephone network and electronic devices.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col. 1, lines 21-36 and 45-50, col 5, lines 50-61, and Fig. 1 and Fig. 14).

**Referring to claim 22,**

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A method according to claim 12, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of a wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a microcomputer and terminals, the terminals being connected to a telephone network.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (col. 1, lines 21-36 and 45-50, col. 5, lines 50-61, and Fig. 1 and Fig. 14).

**Referring to claim 23,**

A method according to claim 12, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are the central processor unit of a microcomputer and electronic cards connected to a bus of said central processor unit.

The reference Humpleman teaches the method. (Abstract, col. 1, lines 21-36 and 45-50, Fig.1, col. 6, lines 11-23).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is (703) 305-2655. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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